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SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER EXPLAINS CHARGES OF CORRUPTION TO
NARA/NO VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS CONSIDERED BY ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY: NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM ASSEMBLY (NARA) SESSION
JULY 1 DEBATED MOTION BY NARA MEMBER YUANG IAMSILA REQUESTING
COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER LOESAK SOMBATSIRI TO EXPLAIN ALLEGATIONS
OF CORRUPTION IN CONNECTION WITH AWARDED CONTRACT FOR
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEM. MINISTER LOESAK EXPLAINED
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ROLE DURING BOTH SANI AND THANIN
GOVERNMENTS REGARDING TELEPHONE CONTRACT TO THE APPARENT
SATISFACTION OF THE NARA. THE ISSUE APPEARS UNLIKELY TO
SURFACE AGAIN. THERE WAS NO RPT NO MOVE TO CALL FOR A VOTE
OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. NARA MEMBER YUANG IAMSILA (UDORN) SUBMITTED MOTION TO
ASSEMBLY JULY 1 CALLING FOR COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER LOESAK
SOMBATSIRI TO NAME NARA MEMBER WHO, HAD PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED,
ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE A COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY OFFICIAL AND ANOTHER
ASSEMBLYMAN IN CONNECTION WITH PROCUREMENT OF LONG DIS-

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TANCE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT. LOESAK EXPLAINED THAT SHE
HAD INFORMATION INDICATING THAT FORMER MP (UTTARADIT)
PREM MALAKUN NA AYUTTHAYA MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
OFFERING BRIBES, BUT THAT THE CABINET HAD REVIEWED THE
ALLEGATIONS AND DETERMINED THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT
EVIDENCE AGAINST PREM TO PRESS THE INVESTIGATION FURTHER.

2. RECENT RUMORS THAT YUANG WAS PREPARING TO SEEK A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE THANIN GOVERNMENT WERE NOT RPT NOT BROUGHT OUT BY DAY'S PROCEEDING. WITH THE ISSUE OF THE TELEPHONE CONTRACT APPARENTLY LAID TO REST, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT YUANG WILL ATTEMPT TO CHALLENGE MEMBERS OF THE PM'S CABINET OR THANIN HIMSELF IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THIS ISSUE.

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